

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: June 25 - 29, 2012**

1. Council Meeting: The City Council will not meet again until July 9. No other official City meetings are scheduled the week of July 2. (City Clerk)
2. Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4:
  - The City of Takoma Park offices and facilities will be closed on July 4 in recognition of the holiday. The Police Department is always open.
  - Parade - 10 a.m., beginning at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues, down Carroll Avenue through Old Takoma, right on Maple Avenue to Ritchie Avenue.
  - Wiffleball Tournament - 2:30 p.m. Lee Jordan Field - all are welcome!
  - Evening Entertainment - Takoma Park Middle School - 7:00 p.m. music and gymnastics show - 9:30 p.m. fireworks! More info needed? Go to [www.takomapark4th.org](http://www.takomapark4th.org). (Deputy City Manager)
3. Softball Championship Game Set - AXB Dog Grooming vs. Free Agents: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is pleased to announce that AXB Dog Grooming will be playing the Free Agents on Sunday, July 1 and competing for the title of Adult Co-ed Softball 2012 League Champions. Congratulations to both teams for making it to the Championship game! (Recreation)
4. Mission Service Project Kicks Off on Monday: - This coming week (July 2 - July 6), more than 200 volunteers from across the country will be working on 25 homes in Takoma Park, helping the owners by making needed repairs, painting, tackling over due landscaping projects, and more. Mission Service, an affiliate of the DC Baptist Convention, was awarded a grant through the City's CDBG program for the project with funds used for the purchase of materials and other supplies, etc. If you see groups of young people working on houses in your neighborhood, take a moment to welcome them to Takoma Park! (Housing and Community Development)
5. Scribblers Cabal: Join us this Saturday, June 30, for "Scribblers Cabal" with Dave Burbank from 2 to 4. This is an informal drawing program designed to inspire creativity and fun. No registration necessary. For all 'young artists.' (Library)
6. Bedtime Story: Bedtime Story Hour with Ms. Karen will be held Monday, July 2. Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are invited to come in their p.j.s for a program of stories, songs and rhymes. No registration necessary. (Library)
7. Comics Jam!: Comics Jam with Dave Burbank returns Tuesday, July 3, at 4:00. All are invited to read comics with Dave on the big screen. No registration required. (Library)
8. Program Canceled: There will be NO Spanish Circle Time for the next two Thursdays - July 5 and 12. This popular program with Senora Geiza will return on July 19. (Library)
9. Upcoming Performances: As you plan for July, consider joining us for one or more of the following events, each held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. A screening of "Dancing in the Rays of the Antarctic Sun" with filmmakers Joy West and Laura Ward Holliday on Thursday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m., celebrate Woody Guthrie's 100th with the ULiners and Magpie on Friday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.), and later in the month, on Sunday, July 22 at 2 p.m., enjoy a Pets n Poets concert with AMIJ, Ro Cube, Patty Reese, Pam Parker, Victoria Floor, Melinda Hamerly, Michelle Maria Norris, Susan Faucon and three dog acts. <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> (Housing and Community Development)
10. Request for Bids - Demolition: The HCD Department is soliciting bids for the demolition of 36 Philadelphia Avenue, a condemned two-story stick built house. A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on-site on Wednesday, July 18. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:30 p.m. on Friday August 3, 2012. Bids documents can be viewed online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) beginning Monday, July 2. For more information, contact the HCD Office at 301.891.7255. (Housing and Community Development)
11. Make Art-Not Landfill: "Re-Cycle Your Art Out" on Sunday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Town Gazebo on Carroll Avenue. Celebrate Takoma Park's green and creative community with music and hands-on art with local recycling artists. Learn more about recycling. Meet Renee Lachman, Takoma Park's very first Recycling Artist-in-Residence. Participate in Takoma Park's very own Trashy Art contest and win fabulous prizes. (Housing and Community Development)
12. "Trashy Art" Contest: Celebrate "Recycle Your Art Out" Day by participating in Takoma Park's "Trashy Art" contest! Anyone and everyone is eligible - encouraged in fact - to submit an original 2 or 3 dimensional work of "trashy art" made of 100% trash or re-purposed materials. To participate, drop off your "trashy art" at the Gazebo in Old Takoma between 10 a.m. and NOON on Sunday, July 29. Panel of distinguished judges will announce awards - and give out some fantastic prizes - at 12:30 p.m. Now is the time to go through your recycling bin and start creating. This is your opportunity to make a unique artistic and environmentally sustainable statement! (Housing and Community Development)
13. New Code Enforcement Inspector: The HCD Department welcomes Mr. Dovid Weingot to the City. Mr. Weingot, an ICC certified Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, brings six years of construction, property management and inspection experience to the Department. In his new position, Mr. Weingot will be conducting inspections throughout the community, responding to complaints and working with owners to bring their properties into compliance with City Code. (Housing & Community Development)

14. Retirements: - This week, two long-term employees retired from the City of Takoma Park. Paul Ross retired from his position as Mechanic with the Public Works Department after 32 years of service repairing police cars, garbage trucks, snow plows and more. Captain Ed Coursey retired from his position with the Police Department after 23 years of service to Takoma Park. We thank them for their service and wish them the best!

15. Long Branch Sector Plan: On June 25 HCD staff attended a community meeting held by Montgomery County planners regarding the Long Branch area, including the northern tip of Takoma Park. The plan considers ways to improve connections for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, bring a mix of homes, offices, retail and entertainment uses, and upgrade public spaces like parks and street fronts. For more information, see [www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/). (Housing and Community Development)

16. Takoma/Langley Crossroads Business Mixer: HCD staff attended a meeting of business owners and professionals in the Crossroads area. Hosted by the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority, the event included a presentation on the use of social media for business purposes. <http://www.takomalangleycrossroads.com/> (Housing and Community Development)

17. Takoma Park Seniors are Matter of Balance Graduates: This week sixteen seniors completed the eight week workshop A Matter of Balance, Managing Concerns about Falls, sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital in partnership with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. All participants received "Certificates of Completion" and were thoroughly pleased with the workshop. Plans are underway to bring another popular Holy Cross Hospital workshop, about memory improvement, to the Takoma Park Community Center very soon. (Recreation)

18. The Thunderbolts!: The Recreation Department sponsored a trip for 20 seniors to see our own Thunderbolts take on the Vienna River Dogs on Thursday, June 28th. Transportation was provided from the Franklin Apartments. Free of charge the participants enjoyed a hotdog, chips and a drink. It was a great way to spend a summer night! (Recreation)

19. Camp Recess Had Another Successful Week!: On Monday, June 25, Camp Recess began its second session. The session was sold out and the campers had another enjoyable week. Participants were able to learn a variety of dances such as the Electric Slide, the Cupid Shuffle, the Cha Cha and the Wobble. This session featured many successful events and activities that centered around the theme of Dance Week. (Recreation)

20. Wonderful World of Sports: This week the children of Camp Takoma learned the fundamentals of a variety of sports such as; soccer, basketball, and tennis. While outside enjoying the sunny weather the kids worked on different drills and good sportsmanship amongst their teammates and opponents. Following our different sports drills participants made arts and crafts, just a little decoration for the parent's refrigerator and colorful bouncy balls to have as a little treasure. Due to the heat advisory, Friday was reserved for indoor activities and fun. (Recreation)

21. Officers in Meetings:

- On June 25, Chief Ricucci met with the Prince George's County State's Attorney to discuss the Sunoco stabbing/shooting incident.
- On June 27, Chief Ricucci held a fourth Refuse to be a Victim seminar. (Police)

22. Officers in Training:

- On June 20-21, Capt. Coursey attended training entitled "Current Trends: The Second Decade" at the Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland, Maryland.
- On June 27, Pfc. Smith and Pfc. Brown attended training entitled "Patrol & Investigative Report Writing" at the Maryland-National Capital Park Police Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- On June 28-29, Sgt. Cipperly and Pfc. Mueller attended training entitled "Effective Speaking for Law Enforcement" at the Maryland-National Capital Park Police Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

23. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On June 18, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks on Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue. She also conducted a security survey on Cedar Avenue and conducted foot patrol on Flower Avenue.
- On June 19, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks on University Blvd., New Hampshire Avenue, Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue. She also conducted a speed check detail on Carroll Avenue in response to a citizen's inquiries about vehicles speeding in the area.
- On June 27, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye met with the Front Royal Police Department Crime Specialist to discuss their current community crime prevention programs, as well as specialized crime prevention trainings. She also attended the Refuse to be a Victim seminar.
- On June 28, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted two residential security surveys, one on Westmoreland Avenue and the other on Colby Avenue. She also conducted foot patrol on University Blvd.
- On June 29, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks on Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue. She prepared hand-outs and displays for the Junior Police Academy camp. She also conducted foot patrol on New Hampshire Avenue, Holton Lane and Flower Avenue. (Police)

24. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (June 22-28, 2012) may be viewed online at: [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_28.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_28.html). (Police)

25. Traffic Enforcement: (This is for a two-week period June 18-29) - Officers conducted at least 274 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, five vehicle impounds and five arrests from traffic.

During June 15-29, 2012, the following details were completed:

June 15, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign and no right turn enforcements) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and three warnings.

June 17, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and five warnings.

June 18, 2012

- Philadelphia Avenue & Baltimore Avenue (failure to stay right of center enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five State citations and two warnings.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five State citations and one warning.
- Devonshire Road & Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Holly Avenue & Philadelphia Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Prince George's Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

June 19, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a two and a half hour detail and issued five State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.

June 20, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.

June 21, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Ethan Allen Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Conducted details with the tag reader at various locations at various times throughout the City and issued six State citations.

June 25, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (miscellaneous details) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 6900-7100 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued two State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a two and a half hour detail and issued five State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

June 26, 2012

- Park Avenue & Spruce Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- 6900-7100 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader) - conducted a four hour detail and issued six State citations.

June 27, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (no right turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and four warnings.

June 28, 2012

- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued seven State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.

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June 29, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.  
(Police)

26. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Stats for June 25-28, 2012:

State Citations issued: 25

Warnings: 7

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 1

Calls for Service: 7

Reports Written: 3

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 2 hours

Training: 11 hours

Details: 19.5 hours from June 25-28, 2012

(Police)